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Soil Erosion

Sheet and Rill Erosion

Planning Criteria	Planning Cri	Planning Criteria Met	
Permanent ground cover greater than 90% and slope less than 10%; OR, The water erosion rate is less than or equal to T.	Yes	No 🗌	
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation T	Test Met	
Plant cover controls active erosion (shallow less than 1 foot deep rill and gullies) and runoff from normal rain events; AND, No litter dar or terracettes are present.		No 🗌	
Classic Gully Erosion			
Planning Criteria	Planning Cri	iteria Met	
Classic gullies are not present; Or, Classic gully management is adequate to stop the progression of head cutting and widening and offsite impacts are minimized by vegetation and/or structures.	Yes	No	
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation T	est Met	
Classic Gullies are not present; Or, All classic gullies are stabilized; AND, All areas expected to have high erosion rates are stable.	; Yes	No	



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Planning Criteria	Planning Cr	iteria Met
For shorelines and water conveyance channels; banks are stable or commensurate with normal geomorphological processes; AND, If bank erosion is present, it is beyond the client's control or commensurate with normal geomorphological processes; AND, For streambanks, SVAP2 bank condition element score greater than 5. If shorelines or water conveyance channels are not present, set this planning criteria to NA.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation 7	Test Met
Excluding all fundamentally unstable, natural geomorphic streambanks and shorelines, all streambanks and shorelines on the land	Yes	No 🗌



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Excess Water

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Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
Seeps are managed to prevent significant impacts to conservation measures and/or sensitive habitat. If seeps do not exist, set this planning criteria to NA.	Yes	No 🗌
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation 7	Гest Met
Excess water seepage is controlled to the point that is does not restrict land use or management goals. If seeps do not exist on the land management system, set this test statement to NA.	Yes	No 🗌
Runoff and Flooding and Ponding		
Planning Criteria	Planning Cr	riteria Met
Runoff, flooding, and ponding is managed to minimize the impact on conservation measures and/or sensitive habitat.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation 7	Гest Met
Runoff, flooding, and ponding is managed to minimize the impact on conservation measures and/or sensitive habitat.	Yes	No 🗌



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Water Quality Degradation

Pesticides in Surface Water

Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met
Pesticides are stored, handled, disposed and applied to prevent runof spills, leaks and leaching; AND, Conservation practices and techniques are in place to minimize ground water impacts.	ff, Yes No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met
Pesticides are not applied or stored on this land management system Or,' Pesticides are applied using a site-specific mixture of prevention avoidance, monitoring, and suppression (PAMS) strategies. Environmental risk screening tool are used (such as WIN-PST or similar LGU approved tool); AND, application rates and timing are compliant with the label.	
Pesticides in Ground water	
Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met
Pesticides are stored, handled, disposed and applied to prevent runof spills, leaks and leaching; AND, Conservation practices and techniques are in place to minimize ground water impacts.	ff, Yes No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met
Pesticides are not applied or stored on this land management system OR, Pesticides are applied using a site-specific mixture of prevention avoidance, monitoring, and suppression (PAMS) strategies; AND, Environmental risk screening tool are used (such as WIN-PST or similar LGU approved tool); AND, Application rates and timing are compliant with the label.	n,



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Planning Criteria	Planning C	Planning Criteria Met	
Nutrient and amendment applications are based on soil or tissue tests and nutrient budgets for realistic yields; AND, conservation practices and managements are in place to minimize ground water impacts.		No	
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation	Test Met	
Livestock access to streams is limited to short periods of time and small areas.	Yes	No 🗌	
The land adjacent to a stream, river, or other waterbody on the side of sides you control: - has diverse, natural plant cover typical to that along other streams within the drainage basin; - extend from the stream bank/shoreline for a distance of 35 feet; OR, (if applicable) The minimum State buffer-width requirement, whichever is greater; AND Have few places where concentrated runoff flows through.	ne	No 🗌	
Filter strips that are at least 30 feet wide are established and maintained on all areas in the land management system where filter strips are applicable.	Yes	No 🗌	
Excess Pathogens and Chemicals from Manure, bio-solids or Compost Applications in Surface Water			
Planning Criteria	Planning C	riteria Met	
Potential sources of pathogens or pharmaceuticals are not applied on the land; OR, Organic materials are applied, stored, and/or handled to mitigate negative impacts to surface water sources.		No 🗌	
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation	Test Met	
Filter strips that are at least 30 feet wide are established and maintained on all areas in the land management system where filter strips are applicable.	Yes	No	
Livestock access to stream is controlled; OR, Livestock are limited to small watering or crossing areas.	Yes _	No	



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Planning Criteria	Planning Crit	eria Met
There are no untreated sources of erosion and streams or shoreline are not on or adjacent to site; OR, Upslope treatment and buffer practices address concentrated flows to water bodies; AND, Heavy use areas are stable; AND, The SVAP2 - bank condition is greater than or equal to 5.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation To	est Met
Drainage and erosion control measures are implemented on roads, trails and landings to minimize detrimental effects of concentrated flow, erosion and sedimentation; AND, Stream crossings are restored and stabilized.	Yes	No
The land adjacent to a stream, river, or other waterbody on the side or sides you control does: - have diverse, natural plant cover typical to that along streams in your area, - extend from the stream bank/shoreline for a distance of 35 feet or (if applicable) the minimum State buffer-width requirement, whichever is greater; AND, Have few places where concentrated runoff flows through.	Yes	No
Established filter strips are at least 20 feet wide and maintained when filter strips are applicable. If filter strips are not applicable on this land management system, set the test statement to NA.	Yes	No
All temporary or permanent rills and gullies are stabilized; OR, Temporary or permanent rills and gullies do not exist.	Yes	No



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Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
Water courses on or adjacent to the site are not designated by a State Agency as a temperature impairment; OR, The SVAP2 - riparian area quality element score is greater than or equal to 5; AND, The SVAP2 - riparian area quantity element score is greater than or equal to 5; AND, The SVAP2 - canopy cover element score is greater than or equal to 6; OR, Existing conservation practices are in place to address water temperature. If water courses are not present, set this planning criteria to NA.	Yes No]
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met	
More than 50% of the water surface is shaded on the length of the stream/river for this land management system. If waterbodies are not present on this land management system, set the test statement to NA.	Yes No]



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Air Quality Impacts

Emissions of Ozone Precursors

	Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
	Operations that produce ozone precursor emissions are not present; OR, or are managed to reduce emissions. Ozone precursor producing activities may include: Engines (combustion source), Pesticide application, Burning, CAFO /manure management, or fertilization (manure/commercial).	Yes	No 🗌
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Tes	t Met
	If prescribed burning is used a prescribed burning plan is followed that includes all applicable smoke management practices.	Yes	No 🗌
Oł	ojectionable Odors		
	Planning Criteria	Planning Crite	ria Met
	Activities such as pesticide or manure application are managed to reduce objectionable odors; AND, Odor sources are not regulated in this planning area; AND, Documented episodes or complaints of odor nuisance have not occurred.	Yes	No 🗌
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Tes	t Met
	Manure is not applied on this land management system; OR, manure is immediately incorporated; OR, manure is only applied when wind direction is away from human occupied areas.	Yes	No 🗌



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Degraded Plant Condition

Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health

	Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
	Plants are adapted to the site, meet production goals, and do not negatively impact other resources; AND, Plant damage from wind erosion is below crop damage tolerance levels.	Yes	No 🗌
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Te	st Met
	Plant yield, vigor, and quality are as expected.	Yes	No 🗌
Ina	adequate Structure and Composition		
	Planning Criteria	Planning Crite	eria Met
	Plant communities contain adequate diversity, composition and structure to support desired ecological functions for the ecological site.	Yes	No
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Te	st Met
	The current plants provide the desired habitat structure and composition. State identified invasive plants and noxious weeds are controlled.	Yes	No 🗌
<u>Ex</u>	cessive Plant Pest Pressure		
	Planning Criteria	Planning Crite	eria Met
	Plant pest damage to plants is below economic or environmental thresholds; AND, plant pests, including noxious and invasive species are managed.	Yes	No 🗌
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Te	st Met
	Invasive and noxious weeds are controlled or are not present.	Yes	No 🗌



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Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat

Inadequate Habitat - Food

Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met
The WHSI rating is greater than or equal to 0.5; AND, (when surface stream present) The SVAP2 - fish habitat complexity element score greater than or equal to 7; AND, The SVAP2 - aquatic invertebrate habitat element score is greater than or equal to 7; OR, Conservation practices and managements are in place that meet or exceed species guild-specific habitat model thresholds; OR, Food is available in quality and extent to support habitat requirements for the species of interest.	is nor
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met
Designated areas are planted as food and habitat for pollinators/beneficial insects; AND, Protected from disruption. For example, planted to nectar and pollen producing plants and protecte from disruption - chemical, biological, or mechanical.	Yes No d
Plants growing are expected, desired, and suited to the site. Existing forbs and woody species meet state specified amounts.	Yes No



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Planning Criteria	Planning Crite	eria Met
The WHSI rating is greater than or equal to 0.5; AND, (when surface stream present) the SVAP2 - barriers to movement element score is greater than or equal to 7; AND, the SVAP2 - fish habitat complexity element score is greater than or equal to 7; AND, the SVAP2 - aquatic invertebrate habitat element score is greater than or equal to 7; OR conservation practices and management practices are in place that meet or exceed species or guild-specific habitat model thresholds; OR, habitat cover is of available quality and extent to support requirements for the species of interest.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Te	st Met
Plant growth and cover is managed to develop and maintain habitat to help chosen wildlife species. (see State Wildlife Action Plan)	Yes	No
The stream(s) have: - a natural, unaltered configuration, with minimal channel straightening, dredging, or bank alteration by armoring with rip-rap or other non-natural materials, - stable banks with limited erosion or bank failure; AND, human uses and/or grazing levels that do not negatively impact bank condition. If streams are not present on the land management system, set the test statement to NA.	Yes	No
The pond/lake, which supports a natural or planted fish population, is managed: -to exclude livestock, -to control nuisance species and undesirable aquatic vegetation controlled, -to complies with state and local regulations when stocking the pond, AND -use of a buffer zone of diverse, natural plant cover at least 35 feet wide.	Yes	No
Designated areas are planted as food and habitat for pollinators/beneficial insects. For example, planted to nectar and pollen producing plants and protected from disruptionchemical, biological, or mechanical.	Yes	No



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<u>CSP-2018-1_TN - Statewide NIPF Land Evaluation Set_Associated Ag Land Inadequate Habitat - Habitat Continuity (Space)</u>

Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
The WHSI rating is greater than or equal to 0.5; AND, (when surface stream present) The SVAP2 - barriers to movement element score is greater than or equal to 7; AND, The SVAP2 - aquatic invertebrate habitat element score is greater than or equal to 7; OR, Conservation practices and managements are in place that meet or exceed species or guild-specific habitat model thresholds; OR, The connectivity of habitat components are adequate to support stable populations of target species.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met	
Designated areas are planted as habitat for pollinators and beneficial insects. Non-cropped area protected from disruption during nesting and foraging periodschemical, biological, or mechanical.	Yes	No 🗌
Connectivity between food resources and cover and shelter is provided for the target wildlife species. (see State Wildlife Action Plan)	Yes	No
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In-stream structures (i.e. dam, diversion structure, bridge, culvert, low-water stream crossing, etc.) allow for the upstream and downstream movement of fish and other aquatic animals throughout most of the year.	Yes	No



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Livestock Production Limitation

Inadequate Feed and forage

	Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
	Livestock forage, roughage, and supplemental nutritional requirements are met.	Yes	No
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met	
	The existing forage quantity and quality are expected to meet the livestock needs and goals.	Yes	No
In	adequate Shelter		
	Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
	Artificial or natural shelters meet animal health needs.	Yes	No
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met	
	Adequate shelter is provided to meet the needs of the livestock throughout the period the land management system (LMS) is utilized by livestock. If livestock do not use this LMS, set the test statement to NA.	Yes	No
In	adequate Water		
	Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
	Water of acceptable quality and quantity is adequately distributed to meet animal needs.	Yes	No
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met	
	The livestock have enough drinking water of good quality. If livestock do not use this land management system, set the test statement to NA.	Yes	No



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Inefficient Energy Use

Equipment and Facilities

Planning Criteria		Planning Criteria Met			
If equipment, motors, pumps, etc. a Agricultural Land (AAL), are they efficiency models or have they receupgrades.	commercially available improved	Yes	No		
Evaluation Tests		Evaluation Test Met			
Energy conserving implements are operations.	used for all or some field	Yes	No		
Pumps, motors, wells, etc. located improved efficiency models.	on the land management system are	Yes	No		
Farming/Ranching Practices and Field Operations					
Planning Criteria		Planning Criteria Met			
Equipment or implements used on (AAL) for agricultural uses are imp		Yes	No		
Evaluation Tests		Evaluation Test Met			
Pumps, motors, wells, etc. located improved efficiency models	on the land management system are	Yes	No		